

From Deregulation to Monopoly to Harm of Democracy

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. The FCC has already weakened the rules that promote diversity of viewpoints by limiting ownership.

I was appalled to learn that the media industry sends FCC staff on junkets, clearly seeking to influence (buy) favorable FCC decisions. The FCC should be ashamed of this, and of the very narrow effort to seek public input on the proposed changes. The FCC should be serving the public, not the industry.

The FCC decisions arising from the Biennial Review should be delayed to allow additional public comment, and to allow a full exploration of the impact of the proposed changes (as opposed to only considering the viewpoints of the media conglomerates themselves).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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